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Designed for the advanced student, this volume, like its predecessors, is of a highly technical character, and bristles with terminology as yet unfamiliar even to those for whom it is intended. So far from this being a drawback, however, it is, on the contrary, a valuable feature—making for clearness, exactitude, and condensation.

Not since the appearance of Ray Lankester's article "Mollusca," in the ninth edition of the 'Encyclopædia Britannica,' has any work on this group appeared comparable to the present volume; hence there can be no question about the welcome that this latest contribution will receive. The 'Encyclopædia' article marked an epoch in the study of the Mollusca, and for many years, indeed, remained the only effectual work of reference on the subject: no more striking testimony as to its solid worth can be found than the fact that all the more important conclusions therein arrived at find a place in the volume now before us.

In one or two minor matters we find cause for complaint. The chief of these concerns the unnecessarily vague statements as to the number of living species of Mollusca. Thus on p. 35 we read: "Descriptive zoologists have enumerated more than 28,000 species of living Mollusca, of which more than half are Gastropods"; while on p. 142 we meet with the statement that "Some thirty thousand species of Gastropoda have been enumerated, of which twenty thousand belong to the present epoch." Comment of this kind may savour of "quibbling": we do not mean to be hypercritical, but desire simply to draw attention to a small point which might be altered in a future edition.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Note of Correction.

Parorchis, n. nom., for *Zengorchis*, Nicoll, 1906. By WM. NICOLL, M.A., B.Sc., Gatty Marine Laboratory, St. Andrews.

THE name *Zengorchis*, proposed (Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist. (7) xvii. p. 519) for a Trematode genus represented by *Z. acanthus*, mihi, from the cloaca of *Larus argentatus*, having previously been assigned by Stafford (Zool. Anz. xxviii. (1905) p. 691) to a genus parasitic in Reptilia, it is necessary to alter this. In its place I propose the name *Parorchis*.